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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Seiji Moriya et al.

Application No.: 10/649,621

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Art Unit: 2651

For: Magnetic recording method, apparatus therefor,
and device for determining coercive force of
magnetic recording medium

Examiner: D. L. Negron

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 3, 2005 (Paper No. 20050428), Applicant hereby elects Species II, disclosed in Figures 7-10 and page 23, paragraph 115 through page 34, paragraph 173 for continued examination with traverse.

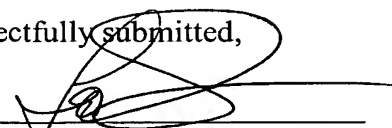
Applicant respectfully submits that given the circumstances of this case, it would not be a serious burden for the Examiner to examine all of the claims at this time. M.P.E.P. § 803 provides that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."

In this case, there would be only two additional claims for the Examiner to consider during the search and examination. Accordingly, it would not be a serious burden to continue examination of two additional claims with the Group I, claims 1 and 2.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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